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SOUTH AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION

A Missionary Society under the above name has been organized for the purpose of assisting in the work of Evangelization in SOUTH AMERICA.

Hitherto no Missionary Society existed in Canada which carried on work in that Continent.

CHARACTER

It is evangelical and interdenominational.

OBJECTS

1. To take part in the work of evangelizing South America.
2. To try and deepen the interest of Christians at home in the needs of that country.

SUPPORT

The Mission is supported entirely by the *free-will offerings* of the Lord's people.

Solicitation of money is not authorized.

As the Mission will not go into debt, no amount of support is guaranteed to its workers.

Each Missionary goes out dependent upon God for supplies.

Funds are distributed to the workers according to the amount on hand and existing need.

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The Neglected Continent.

Four thousand seven hundred miles long, and over 3,000 wide, a stupendous Continent, 7,000,000 square miles in area—nearly twice the size of Europe—containing one-eighth of the land surface of the globe, the most magnificent system of river drainage in the world, a coast line 16,500 miles long, and a rocky mountain backbone of extraordinary magnitude and sublimity, lying away in the Southern Seas is SOUTH AMERICA, well called, from a spiritual standpoint, *the Neglected Continent*.

In the far N.E. its tropic ORINOCO surpasses, by 100 miles, even the flood tide of the Ganges. In the sub-tropic South, the RIO DE LA PLATA, 150 miles wide as it sweeps into the sea, runs the length of the Thames 10 times over, and 100 miles to spare, in its 2,200-mile course, and pours into the ocean more water than any other river in the world—but one, for South America possesses a mightier stream than these. The whole of France, or of the Ottoman Empire, might lie in the lap of its monarch AMAZON, the largest river in the world—equal to the Indus and the Nile put together. From the matchless network of natural waterway it affords, this river has been called the Mediterranean of South America. The soil of its basin, one or two million square miles in area, and fertile enough to supply the inhabitants of the world with food, is for the most part covered by sombre, primæval forests—pathless, impenetrable—the largest extent of arboreal growth in the world.

TITICACA, the largest lake in the New World south of the St. Lawrence basin, belongs to this stately and colossal Continent. It is 170 miles long, by 70 broad, and could float Cyprus, Crete or Corsica, at an altitude of 200 feet above the summit of Mount Etna. Its lonely waters have no outlet to the sea, but are guarded on their southern shores by gigantic ruins of a pre-historic empire, silent palaces, temples and fortresses—mysterious monuments of a long-lost golden age.



"The whole earth is the LORD's!" exclaimed Count Zinzendorf, "men's souls are His. I am a debtor to all."

"All that hath life and breath, sing to the LORD!" cried David, summoning the Universe to praise its Infinite CREATOR.

In the great Song of Redemption, the chorus of renewed humanity, can the millions of a Continent like this be dumb and God not miss their jubilation?

Can one-eighth of the globe be left out of the reckoning of the coming Kingdom of CHRIST? Can the spiritual state of its 37,000,000 people be immaterial to HIM?

What is that state?

Who are these people? What has been done to bring them "*into the way of peace?*"

South America's Spiritual Story.

SOUTH AMERICA is divided into 14 great countries, and includes representatives of almost every variety of race and language—from the degraded Fuegians of Cape Horn, who, when discovered, had drifted so far from Old World traditions, that they retained no word for God, and the Indian tribes of "sad, calm aspect" scattered on the pampas plains or among the virgin forests of the Amazons, to the Anglo-Saxon and Latin leaders of civilization in the free Republics. The negroes and half-castes of the North and Central States, with the Mestizoes (a mixed race of Spanish, or Portuguese, and Indian blood), are numbered by millions, while the imported Chinese coolie classes, and foreigners from almost every country under heaven, drawn hither by the fabled silver wealth of Ecuador, Peru and the Argentine, complete the tale. The Spanish and Portuguese element is politically dominant, while the "Red Men" constitute the main stock of the population.

Discovered A.D. 1500, by the Portuguese Pedro Cabral, SOUTH AMERICA has been for nearly 400 years part of the parish of the Pope. In contrast with it the NORTH of the New World, PURITAN—prosperous, powerful, progressive—presents probably the most remarkable evidence earth affords

of the blessing of PROTESTANTISM, while the results of ROMAN CATHOLICISM *left to itself*, are writ large in letters of gloom across the priest ridden, lax and superstitious SOUTH. Her cities "among the gayest and grossest in the world," her ecclesiastics enormously wealthy and strenuously opposed to progress and liberty, SOUTH AMERICA groans under the tyranny of a priesthood which, in its highest forms, is unilluminated by, and incompetent to preach, the Gospel of God's free gift, and in its lowest is proverbially and "habitually drunken, extortionate and ignorant." Although the spirit of the age has, in our nineteenth century, transformed all her monarchies into free Republics, Ecuador still prohibits any but Romish worship.

Only the fringe of this Continent—more than sixty times as large as the United Kingdom—has been touched by the message of Free Salvation. On the frozen rocks of Fuegia, 50 years ago, Allan Gardiner and his immortal band of companions, to the undying honour of the South American Missionary Society that sent them forth, kindled a spiritual beacon light that to-day shines right around the world. Four thousand miles away, in the deadly tropics of Guiana, the heroic Moravian brethren died and died till deathless blessing for multitudes sprang from their tombs—both extremes of the Continent proving the *lowest* of earth's races capable of becoming new creatures in JESUS CHRIST. Between these two extremities thirteen different missionary agencies have undertaken labour in this great harvest field. Their entire efforts are represented on the black map printed on page 8. Have they been commensurate with the needs of the sphere?

By those efforts judge whether or no SOUTH AMERICA merits the title *Neglected Continent*.

THE BLACK MAP AND ITS MEANING.

Omitting the group of Christian churches in the Gulanas on the N.E. coast, and the scattered centres on the Atlantic borders of Brazil, one may say that the continent is almost untouched by aggressive Protestant missionary effort.

VENEZUELA, more than nine times as large as England and Wales, two-and-a-half times larger than Germany (area

566,059 square miles), with a population of **2,234,385** men and women, has **ONLY ONE MISSIONARY**.

COLOMBIA, larger than the total area of Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Greece, Roumania, the Orange Free State, Bulgaria, Servia, Switzerland and Belgium (area 504,773 square miles), more than three times as large as all Japan, has **OVER 4,000,000 PEOPLE**, and only **THREE MISSIONARY STATIONS** of the American Presbyterian Church.

ECUADOR, called after the Equator, on which it lies, **HAS NO MISSIONARY, AND NEVER HAS HAD**. Quito, its capital, the highest city in the world, with 30,000 souls; Guayaquil, its principal commercial centre, and all its 1,220,000 inhabitants scattered over an area of 248,730 square miles (twice as large as Great Britain and Ireland), are **WHOLLY UNEVANGELIZED AS YET**—unless ceremonial can save, and the wafer-god be Divine.

PERU, with its **3,000,000 PEOPLE**, its 650 schools, its magnificent railways, well-equipped army and navy, and world-famed products of bark, silver and guano, has but **TWELVE MISSIONARIES** within its borders. India has one missionary to every 165,000 souls; Peru, twelve missionaries to 3,000,000. **FOR THREE MILLION PEOPLE, TWELVE!**

BOLIVIA, an enormous inland State (area 842,729 square miles), modelled, like all the South American Republics, on the constitution of the U.S.A., with its President—elected every four years—its congress, universal suffrage, and **2,200,000 SOULS**, has received one or two passing visits from itinerant colporteurs of the noble American Bible Society, but has **NO RESIDENT MISSIONARY, AND NEVER HAS HAD**.

BRAZIL, which alone is larger than the whole United States (area 3,000,000 sq. miles), 296,000 more than U.S.A., and more than three times exceeds all British India, has 14,000,000 people, of whom not more than 2,000,000 can possibly hear the Gospel from Protestant missionaries there working, leaving **12,000,000 IN BRAZIL ONLY, WHOLLY UNEVANGELISED**. The rest of the wide, dark spaces we leave to utter their own plea.

The Neglected Continent.

A detailed map of South America, showing the continent's outline and major geographical features. The map is titled "The Neglected Continent." and includes numerous labels for cities, towns, and regions. Key locations labeled include Lima, Bogotá, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and many others. The map also shows major rivers, mountain ranges, and surrounding bodies of water like the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Further particulars respecting the field may be found in "The Neglected Continent," published by Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto and Chicago.